

News from The Leading Cities of The Gem State

BOISE STIRRED BY CAPITOL SCANDAL

Hearings Before Senate Committee Monopolize Attention in Gem State.

VOTE ON LOCAL OPTION

Mandate of the People Recognized by The Idaho Legislature is a Matter Not to Be Overlooked.

Special Correspondence.
BOISE, Feb. 18.—All Boise was stirred yesterday afternoon by the sensational testimony submitted by witnesses before the senate committee on state affairs, in the investigation into the capitol building commission respecting the charges of Senator MacBeth of extravagance and "graft." Senator MacBeth, coached by Senator Kearns' attorney, conducted the prosecution, while Judge Richards of Boise represented the state. Senator John Hart, chairman of the committee, presided.

A breathless silence prevailed when MacBeth called in his star witness, A. S. Whiteway of Moscow, who, in connection with his partner, the next witness, Joseph Sullivan, testified to a conspiracy on the part of certain members of the commission to extort \$5,000 from them in connection with their bid for the construction of a portion of the capitol building. In the fall of 1906, the implicated the then state treasurer, H. N. Coffin, who was also a member of the capitol building commission, in the deal as being the man who approached Whiteway and proffered to award him and his partner the contract providing they would put up \$5,000, \$1,000 each for the five members of the commission, who it is claimed were represented as men working hard for the interests of the state and getting nothing for their services as members of said commission. The names mentioned as being the members of the commission for which the \$5,000 were intended were: H. N. Coffin, W. E. Pierce and W. H. Gibson.

MAYOR IN AFFAIR.

Mayor Haines was also brought into the affair and styled the go-between for the state commission and the contractors. The two witnesses above named testified to having had conferences with Mr. Haines, in which he, as a member of the Pierce & Company real estate firm, tried to work out of the contractors the amount named for the benefit of his business partner and the others named. Sullivan claiming that an extra \$100 was put upon the \$5,000 by Haines, as a reward for his services. Sullivan also claimed that Gov. Gooding was told by Mr. Horner, now deceased, that the bribe was \$5,000, and Gooding, of the bribery proposition, was (Sullivan) was in the store at the time and overheard a portion of the conversation. At the request of Gov. Gooding, Whiteway was recalled and questioned as to whether he (Gooding) was one of the board who was to have \$1,000, and he stated that he was not, that the \$5,000 as finally proposed by Coffin was to be given the three members above named.

ADVISED TO STAY OUT.

The witnesses above named also testified that they made a determined effort to raise the proposed \$5,000 and that they called on a number of their friends in this city and upon two banks during the time of their effort. Their names of these parties were divulged and they were called in and gave testimony. They were Cashiers Clinton and Olden, Leo P. Grunbaum, Sam Davis and N. I. Perkey. The last named was the attorney for the gentlemen, who advised them to have nothing to do with the bribery game, so they refused to testify respecting their clients. The others named testified that they were approached in the fall of 1906 by the men named for a loan of money, which differed as to amount with the various witnesses, but at no time and to no one does it appear that the money was desired to be used in any unlawful way, nor was any intimidation given that the commission had asked for any amount of money in order to secure the contract. Mr. Clinton stated that Whiteway offered him \$5,000 for a \$10,000 loan, which he declined, on the ground of suspicion in connection with it and his lack of confidence in the man.

GOODING ON STAND.

At the evening session Gov. Gooding was put on the stand. He denounced in most emphatic terms the men who had hurried at the capitol building commission such villainous accusations and declared that he would not believe Whiteway under oath; said he is a character assassin, a man who is now trying to steal \$7,000 from the state in connection with a wagon road contract. The investigation began on Tuesday night with the examination of Architect Tourtellotte, who it is alleged had put up money to have his plans accepted. This implicated N. E. Neal, his brother-in-law, former cashier of the defunct Capital State bank, who is now on trial on a charge of forgery, who was brought to the witness stand last night to testify to what he knew respecting the proposed bribe which Mr. Tourtellotte is alleged to have given, as brought out in the testimony of Jean Johnson, the private detective, who claimed that Neal told him of the



J. LEO PARKINSON.

Idaho's Nominee for the United States Military Academy at West Point.

The above is the portrait of J. Leo Parkinson, son of Hon. George C. Parkinson of Preston, Idaho. He returned in September last from a three year's mission to Germany and the French part of Switzerland. Last June, while still in the mission field, Mr. Parkinson was nominated by Representative Burton L. French of Idaho to represent the state of Idaho at the United States military academy at West Point, New York, and since October 1 he has been under the tutelage of Lieut. C. M. Braden at Highland Falls, New York, preparatory to taking the entrance examination for West Point on the 12th of last month.

Out of the 400 candidates from every state in the Union, who took the entrance examination on Jan. 12, Mr. Parkinson is one out of 165 who passed successfully. He is now but 20 years of age and his friends predict a brilliant future for him. After a few days' visit with relatives and friends in Idaho he will leave to enter West Point on March 1.

final passage. A roll call was demanded, but not until after Clarence had precluded it by his declaration of the result.

When the determining ballot was taken five Republicans and five Democrats voted against the measure. The former were Parsons and Addison of Idaho county, Featherstone and McGillivray of Shoshone and Sanborn of Bonner. Parsons asserted Saturday that he would pursue such a course, if the bill were not sent to the committee of the whole, as he believed that it was repugnant in its present form.

Featherstone and McGillivray do not consider themselves bound by either state or county platforms, as they made public their views before election. Addison and Sanborn have, as yet, made no explanation.

One of the features of the vote was the absence of Morehead. Just a moment before the roll was called on final passage he left the room. A demand was made that he be sent for and he was later put in the form of a motion requiring the sergeant-at-arms to make a search for him, but it was declared out of order. After the result had been announced he returned to his seat. Morehead is one of the fathers of the Shoshone settlers' resolution.

As soon as the count was known, Woodward made a statement which was applauded by the spectators.

"I am glad," he said, "that the House has decided against the bill. It has not succeeded." Alford who had originally raised the cry of a slush fund, reiterated his words.

Following the interview with J. O. Weber, which appeared yesterday morning, the Fremont county representative re-inforced his remarks yesterday, stating that his position was misunderstood.

"Although," he said, "the subject of local option was brought to me by the liquor interests early in the session, no mention whatever was made of any money. I told them I was pledged by my state and county platform, and they have never since attempted to move me from my stand."

An anti-gambling bill, tightening the provisions of the present law in such a manner as to make them effective, was passed by the lower house of the legislature last Saturday afternoon. Final action was taken despite a determined effort to intercept it by two motions to adjourn.

The measure makes gambling a felony instead of a misdemeanor as it is now, and includes provisions of bailments in which games of chance are conducted in the extended list of those who are liable to prosecution.

SUGAR CITY PEOPLE HOLD WARD REUNION

Special Correspondence.

SUGAR CITY, Idaho, Feb. 18.—Last Wednesday a ward reunion was held in the Opera House. There were about 400 present to enjoy the occasion. Three long tables were spread the length of the dance hall and after a good program a sumptuous repast was enjoyed. After supper a basketball game was played by the Mutual team and the High school. The latter won by a close score of 8 to 5. After the game dancing was enjoyed by all until 11 o'clock. The reunion was pronounced the best that has ever been held in the ward.

Sugar City is enjoying great prosperity at present. All the stores and establishments are doing a big business and everything is looking very bright for the future. Several residences will be built at once and many improvements are to be made that will help the looks of the town. The town board has just completed putting 10,000 loads of gravel on the principal business streets. This will be and is a great help to those who travel in and through the town. Most of the streets are now well graded.

The weather for the past week has been very disagreeable, snow, sleet, rain and mud have made the roads quite bad.

The feeding of cattle and sheep is still going on and thousands of head have been shipped to market from this point the past two months.

Several families have arrived from different points in Utah to make permanent residences here.

MONTPELIER BOARD WILL BOND SCHOOLS

Special Correspondence.

MONTPELIER, Ida., Feb. 18.—Freak weather through these parts still continues with no apparent prospect for abatement, as a result of which it again became necessary to send a relief team out to meet the Star Valley mail this morning. The coach was un-

able to get through a huge snow slide which came down yesterday. It is estimated that the slide is fully three-fourths of a mile in length and that the depth is from 20 to 30 feet, completely shutting off all travel, except on foot. As far as known, one was hurried by the huge mass. There have been several very narrow escapes during the past two weeks.

There is considerable sickness throughout the various parts of the town, due doubtless to the very changeable and disagreeable weather.

The school board has called a special bond election for the purpose of determining whether or not bonds in the sum of \$15,000 shall be issued for the purpose of refunding the outstanding bonds of districts 10 and 15, which were issued prior to the consolidation of these two districts, and also to complete the high school building. Judging from the general tone of the remarks made upon this question, there will be no opposition to the bonds, the people generally realizing the necessity of more school room and are loyal to the cause of education. The work being done in the various departments of the school appears to be very efficient, though in some respects improvements might be made.

Work on the excavation for the Moss Lake block was begun yesterday. The contract for the hauling of the sand for the Douglas McLehlan block has been let and it is expected work on this building, which is to be a two-story stone with a full basement, will be commenced within a few days. Several other buildings are under contemplation.

The change of holding weekly priesthood meetings for all the quorums of the priesthood is meeting with marked success and it is fully anticipated much good will result therefrom.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE SCHEDULED FOR BURLEY

Special Correspondence.

BURLEY, Feb. 18.—F. A. Webb and wife went to Salt Lake City last Saturday where they will spend a few weeks visiting friends and relatives.

Dr. A. F. O. Nielson of Oakley, left for Chicago last Monday evening, where he will spend the next two years in the medical college of that place. Dr. C. L. Haight went to Oakley last week in answer to a summons from his mother, who is very sick, on account of her advanced age, her recovery is doubtful.

L. W. Robbins manager of the Snake River Implement company of this place went to Twin Falls Tuesday, to attend a convention of the Southern Idaho Implement Dealers' association. The Farmers Institute under the auspices of the Idaho Agricultural college and experiment station, will be here in the 25th of this month. Two sessions will be held in the afternoon and evening. Prof. O. S. L. will run a special train where the lectures will be given and a display be made of grains, fruits, grasses, etc., will be shown in a special car.

The recent rainy weather has played havoc with the roads, consequently very little is being done in hauling freight to and from Burley.

Mrs. A. S. Worthington passed through town on her way to Oakley from Southern California, where she has spent the past two months.

F. O. Peterson and Jos. Wilson of Oakley and Grant Webb and H. H. Sessions, have been called by the state presidency to labor as missionaries on the Minidoka project.

SEVERAL CHANGES OCCUR IN THE BLAINE CO-OP.

Special Correspondence.

CARBY, Idaho, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Emma Ainsworth, wife of James Ainsworth, among the first settlers in this valley, died in Salt Lake City at the Holy Cross hospital of tumors, Jan. 29, and the remains were brought home to Carey, funeral services were held at the home on Sunday, Jan. 31, when appropriate and comforting remarks were made by Bishop George S. Harris, Lafayette Smith, William L. Adamson and Edwin Davis.

The shareholders of the beautiful music, Mrs. Ainsworth was born July 25, 1857, and has passed through pioneer trials and hardships in Utah and Idaho.

The second Monday in February is the day set for the annual meeting of the Blaine Co-operative Mercantile Institution and the Little Wood River Canal company and for the farmers to elect the district watermaster for the current year.

The water users chose, to succeed himself, J. Edward Brooks. For some reason the shareholders of the canal company did not turn out in force sufficient to have two-thirds of the stock represented so could not do business.

Notices are out for another meeting on Feb. 18 when, according to the by-laws, two-thirds of those present can pass on any business presented.

The shareholders of the Co-op held their meeting as called. Bishop George S. Harris and James Ainsworth have sold all their interest in the store to other shareholders. The following board of directors were elected for the ensuing year: C. J. Stanford, William F. Rawson, S. P. Richards, John Adamson, John R. Adamson, William L. Adamson and George Guiver. A dividend of 15 per cent was declared on the capital stock. This is virtually for two years as no dividend was declared in 1908. The board of directors met and organized by electing C. J. Stanford, president; William L. Adamson, secretary; S. P. Richards, bookkeeper, and Albert B. Stanford, general manager. William L. Adamson will be installed as clerk.

Bishop Harris expects to take a mission shortly and so has withdrawn from the mercantile business.

Last week was a busy one for the teamsters. Two carloads of baled hay were shipped out from here, and the Co-op received and had hauled up from the railroad one car of coal and one car of salt.

Parker Richards has finished his new residence and moved into it last Tuesday, for housekeeping.

Wilfred Sparks has let the contract for the erection of a new roomy frame residence.

Paul Ainsworth and his sister Ruby, former residents of Carey, are here from La Grange, Oregon, visiting relatives. They came to attend the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Emma Ainsworth.

Bishop George S. Harris and Fred T. Phillips attended the stake conference at Oakley last Saturday and Sunday, and today the bishop gave an interesting account of the things said and done at the conference.

Last Wednesday the Carey Dramatic company presented to a full house, the play, "Mad Mad" and the laughable farce, "Hans Von Smash." The leading parts were taken by Mrs. Ida Stanford and Messrs. Ernest D. Phillips and Lenox Adamson.

MANY RIGBY CITIZENS VISIT STATE CAPITAL

Special Correspondence.

RIGBY, Idaho, Feb. 17.—A great deal of snow has fallen here during the last few days, but the soft condition of the ground and the high temperature have prevented its accumulating, and given plenty of mud and water in its place.

Quite a number of Rigby citizens, availing themselves of the opportunity afforded by the courtesy of the U. S. L. railway officials, have visited the capital during the present month. While there are attractions at the legislative halls, in the city of Boise, and surrounding country, they generally return with a feeling that the upper end of Snake River valley is hard to beat all things considered.

The St. Feeder Canal Co. held its annual meeting last Saturday evening in its old board of directors and officers. The report shows the company in a prosperous condition.

The story has been somewhat generous to Rigby families of late, leaving a girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Robbins, a boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brinton on the 8th, a boy at Mr. and Mrs. O. Phillips on the 12th, and a girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Williams on the 15th.

All departments of the school celebrated Valentine's birthday with appropriate exercises on the 12th. A visit to the school today furnishes the following items: Principal M. J. Hammond, a graduate of the B. Y. college, Logan, is one of the best disciplinarians in the state. Prof. J. W. Long, B. S., has 28 bright pupils in the high school. He is a graduate of the Valparaiso college, Ind., and a very genial gentleman. Mr. F. A. Brinton from the Business college, Salt Lake City, is training 26 pupils in the eighth grade department. The other teachers and their work are indicated below: Miss Cecelia Schmidt from Valparaiso, Ind., 39 pupils in the seventh grade; Miss Vesta Winkler from Albion State normal, 39 pupils in the sixth grade; Miss Charlotte Campbell from B. Y. college, Logan, 48 pupils in the fifth grade; Miss Olive Miner from Albion State normal, 42 pupils in the fourth grade; Miss Jessie Caldwell from Rigby High school, 29 pupils in third grade; Miss Elsie Perry of Leadhill normal, Ark., 45 pupils in second grade.

Miss Alice Quinton, who received her training in private schools in England every evening and morning in the school wagons, and this has grown from a mixed school with one teacher 54 beginners. The above shows 402 pupils in actual attendance out of 447 enrolled. Two-thirds of the number are carried to and from their homes every evening and morning in the school wagons, and this has grown from a mixed school with one teacher seven years ago.

Mr. Loring is one of the naturalists who will accompany President Roosevelt to Africa. He has already been on numerous naturalistic trips to British America, Mexico, Sweden, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium and United States.

Table Showing the Amount of Money Spent in the United States In 1900 for Intoxicating Liquors as Compared With Other Expenditures.

	\$1,172,493,447
Expenditure for Meat	666,000,000
Tobacco, Cigars, Etc.	625,000,000
Bread, Including Flour and Meal	600,000,000
Iron and Steel	560,000,000
Dairy and Egg Products	530,000,000
Saved Lumber	495,000,000
Cotton Goods	380,000,000
Boots and Shoes	335,000,000
Woolen Goods	250,000,000
Sugar and Molasses	225,000,000
Fruit	200,000,000
Public School Education	197,281,603
Furniture	175,000,000
Tea and Coffee	100,500,000
Salaries of Ministers	14,000,000
Foreign Missions	5,500,000

According to the reports of the State Boards of Statistics, eighty-one per cent. of the criminals of our country, eighty per cent. of the paupers, fifty-five per cent. of the cases of insanity, and forty-four per cent. of the idiotic and feeble-minded, are traceable to the use of intoxicating liquors. The last census reports, 700,000 drunkards in the United States. About 100,000 of them perish annually from the effects of intoxicants, multitudes of innocents lose their lives by accident, and women and children are beggared, heart-broken and ruined without number.

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